

**Seminole County
Parks & Preservation Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2022**

Members Present:

Pasha Baker, Mark Brandenburg, Robert Bowden, Nancy Dunn, Angela Fleming, Bryce Gibson, Emily Hanna, Reid Hilliard, Joseph Humphreys, Ashlee Woodward

Members Absent:

William Wills, Ed Ghiglieri, Tom Boyko

Guest:

Bill Wharton-Seminole County Engineering Division
Doug Crenshaw-Citizen of Seminole County

Staff Present:

Michael Wirsing, Division Manager, Parks and Recreation
William Pandos, Division Manager, Greenways & Natural Lands
Sherry Williams, Special Projects Program Manager
Cindy Kelley, Administration Assistant

Location:

Boombah Soldiers Creek
2400 State Road 419
Longwood, FL 32750

On Wednesday, November 16, 2022, Chairman Mark Brandenburg called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. There was a quorum in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance, Welcome and Introductions

Mark Brandenburg led the Pledge of Allegiance and introduced the guest.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Brandenburg asked if there were any questions or corrections regarding the minutes for the July meeting minutes. Correction to add Robert Bowden as present. A motion was made and seconded to approve with the one correction. The motion passed unanimously.

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New Business:

- Bill Wharton from Seminole County Engineering Division gave an update of construction and planning stages of the trails.
 - Cross Seminole Trail I-4 Overpass-work complete
 - Cross Seminole Trail Connector Ramps at US 17-92-design at 90%. Coordinating with FDOT
 - Central Seminole Trail North Section-design assigned to Moffatt & Nichol
 - Lake Monroe Loop-Celery Ave Mellonville Trail-Design complete. ROW acquisition in progress. Will not start until all property acquired.
 - Traffic signal at Celery and 415-completion in mid 2023
 - EE Williamson Rd Trail Connector-under construction. Completion November 2023.
 - Seminole Wekiva Trail Underpasses-design just underway. Will take up to 2 years to complete
 - Orange Blvd Safety Improvements-Design and ROW acquisitions in progress for sidewalks and other safety improvements for walkers and cyclist

Sherry Williams

- Spring Hammock preserve update. The property is owned ½ by the state and ½ by us.
- The County applied for and received a Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant in 2019. Since that time the cost of construction for the project has more than doubled. Due to the rising cost, the County will be re-applying for the updated LWCF grant and asking for more funding in 2023.

Greenways and Natural Lands Division Update

Bill Pandos gave the update on Greenways and Natural Lands Division

- Passive Parks
 - Hurricane recovery is ongoing.

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- Ongoing projects at Sunland Park, Midway River Bend Median Landscape Project, Rolling Hills Phase I/with Playground, Lake Dot Park, Markham Skills Track and the Parks/Trail Signage
- New Projects
 - Deer Run Project, Midway Project, Soldiers Creek Parking, Lake Mills Boardwalk, Lake Mills Playground Repair, Roseland Park and Trail Edge Dropoff Repair
- Completed projects
 - Booker Town Park Basketball Court
 - Lake Jessup Foot Bridge
 - Black Bear Wilderness Parking

Parks and Recreation

Michael Wirsing gave the update on the Parks and Recreation

I. Economic Impact Tournaments and Events

Upcoming Year

- Sports Complex is projected to host approximately 50 events with approximately 50,00 hotel rooms.
- Other SC Venues are projected to host 45 events with approximately 20,000 hotel rooms.
- Tournaments include lots of baseball, fastpitch softball, adult softball, youth and adult tennis, soccer, field hockey and lacrosse.

II. Program and Facilities Update

- Wrapping up adult softball leagues at Softball Complex and Red Bug. Polar Season will begin in January.
- 5th Annual Holiday Challenge between Red Bug and Softball Complex

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and Toy Drive

- Tennis Program continue to run at capacity at all three sites
- Museum of Seminole County History "Trouble Makers" civil rights exhibit just completed after 3 month exhibit.
- Museum of Seminole County History will host St. Lucia Festival and Exhibit. Exhibit runs for the month of December and Festival will be on December 10th which is run by the SC Historical Society.
- Wekiva Golf Club Operations continue to go well! October starts the busy seasons.

III. Projects and Operations

- ADA Accessibility and Transition Plan Finalized.
Department is working internally on the implementation plan.
- Boombah Sports Complex: Replaced faded and damaged signage at the park. Installed new landscape including new palm trees in each area hub.
- Sanlando Park: Restrooms near tennis courts and in the administrative building were completed renovated!
- Wekiva Golf Club: Cart path renovations completed; working on new signage around the entire course; septic to sewer transition (in-progress). This year we will be working on irrigation system replacement, entrance improvements, fencing repairs and gate replacements and tree/brush cleanup.
- Sylvan Lake Park- installed new fencing around the entire park! Major drainage projects finalized just before Ian!
- Misc. Upcoming Projects: Brick pavers at Museum repaired, new drinking fountains at Sylvan Lake Park and Seminole County Softball Complex.
- Hurricane Ian Damage work being completed. Damage included

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fencing, trees, windscreens and washouts.

- Recreation Facility Managers Nicolette Rodriguez and Chris Mero passed the national certification test to become Certified Park and Recreation Professionals this past summer.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.